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Summary: The physics and mathematics major is a patent lawyer working in the areas of patent applications in a variety of technology areas.

(September 26, 2011)-Jennifer M.K. Rogers '02 has been chosen as the University of Minnesota, Morris 2011–12 Visiting Latterell Alumna. Her talk, "From Physics on the Prairie to the Practice of Patent Law," will be given in the Science Auditorium on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. The talk is free and open to the public.

Every year, a selected alumnus agrees to take time off from his/her busy schedule to visit campus as the Latterell Visiting Alumnus, meeting with students and faculty, and giving a talk about Morris's impact on his/her future.

Rogers, this year's speaker, majored in physics and mathematics, and graduated in 2002 with highest honors. After her time at Morris, she pursued law, graduating in 2005 with a law degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Currently, Rogers is a patent attorney with Shumaker & Sieffert, a patent law firm in Woodbury, and also active with the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Her law practice focuses on patent preparation, patent prosecution before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and client counseling, in the areas of software and electronics. Rogers has drafted and prosecuted patent applications covering a wide variety of technology areas, from data compression and computer networks, to microlens sheeting and Radio Frequency Identification devices.

In addition to her academic accomplishments as a Morris student, Roger was a co-founder of the Swing Club, and a member of the Concert Choir and Soccer Club, (before varsity soccer on campus), and she also helped in Residential Life.

Rogers says that the University of Minnesota, Morris, provided a well-rounded education. The leadership skills she learned at Morris are put to use as she consults clients and interacts with colleagues at the firm where she works. Rogers looks forward to reconnecting with former professors, reliving old memories, and seeing the changes the campus has undergone when she visits campus as the Latterell Visiting Alumna.

Privately funded with gifts from alumni, faculty, staff, and Latterell friends and family, the Joseph J. Latterell Memorial Visiting Alumnus Program provides annual grants to disciplines within the Division of Science and Mathematics to invite alumni to campus to serve as resource persons for students and faculty.

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